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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

PLESTER, George

Appl. No. 10/779,810

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ASEPTIC

FILLING OF PACKAGES WITH LIQUID

PRODUCTS

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Examiner: Truong, Thanh K.

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Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2006, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 01638.0014.NPUS00.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.